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RE: Permit for home on 710 Old County Rd. Templeton, Ca. 93465

Permit # 2012-02066/2012-02067

Dear Supervisor Mecham,

I am writing this letter to contest a Roads Fee presented to be at the end of the permit process by the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department. We are building a home in downtown Templeton. We have been planning to build for several years now. We purchased a residential lot, which previously had a home on it. The home burned down years ago.

Due to A job loss and major health issues, we need to downsize. I had surgery for a pituitary brain tumor in September of 2010, and have been unable to work. We started this project with a limited budget and stand to lose much if we don't move forward with it.

We are doing this project as an owner/builder to save on costs. A developer might know of this fee I am questioning, however my Architect and sub-contractors were unaware of it, and have been working in this area for over 30 years.

We submitted for permit in May using the County checklist for guidance for fee amounts and what must be submitted. I needed to calculate costs and line item fees for the construction loan with Sesloc. People should be made aware of major fees prior to the application process. The only statement Public works has is "Road Fee may vary" in the checklist. I had no way of knowing this would be \$13,921.00 due and payable, which was not budgeted for in our loan, before we could pick up the permit. It should be stated up front how high this fee can be so it may be planned for. As I have said we are on a very limited budget and feel this is unfair. I was never told of this fee at the counter. I paid had \$2,750.00 for plan review, which I planned for from cost estimates on the web site. In speaking with Public Works I was told there was no way to pick up the permit before paying this Roads Fee. We can not get our cash from Sesloc without having the permit and do not have the funds to pay for this plus the normal permit fee's. Kind of a catch 22.

TUSD suggested I contact you about this matter as they were unaware of it also. I had asked my Sub Contractors about this fee and they were unaware of it. You would think they would know of this, since they are in the business of building homes.

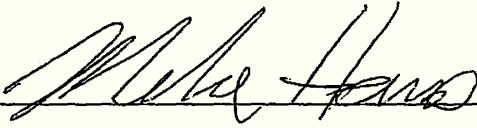
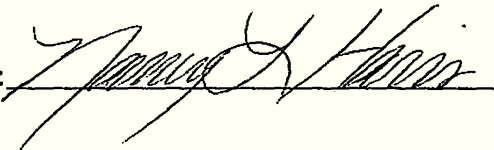
I am appealing this fee, and filing costs associated with it of \$513.00, since it was not disclosed prior to submitting for plan review in any way. I truly feel this is a case of non disclosure (just saying fee may vary does not cut it, not to mention it is impossible to find on the web site).

I tried to speak with Tim Tomilon at public works but he seemed unwilling to budge. Very smug by the way. He said it was not open for negotiation and it is what it is. As you can see this has put us in a very tough situation. It makes me wonder why anyone would want to do new construction in the County at this point.

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I am building a 1260 square foot home not the Tajma Hall. We are downsizing to survive. I have done an Owner/Builder years ago and never remember such outrageous fee's and restrictions.

Thank You, Mike and Nancy Harris

Sign:  Sign: 

cc: Frank Mecham
cc: V. Shelby
cc: Katrina Chirstsen